

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-11

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2020

**Title of Resolution:** Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Housing Fund – Housing Counselor

**Synopsis:** A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide \$6,000 to the Housing Fund of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority from the General Fund, in order to provide additional funding necessary to support the Housing Counselor position/program in Cecil County.

**Introduced by:** Council President on behalf of the County Executive

**Introduced and ordered posted on:** June 9, 2020

**Scheduled for consideration on:** June 16, 2020

By:   
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by June 9, 2020 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on June 16, 2020.

By:   
Council Manager

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Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Housing Fund – Housing Counselor

1           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2019, the County  
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2020; and

3           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held  
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2020; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 4, 2019, the  
6 Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2020; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 Housing Fund revenue estimate for  
8 Cecil County as follows: The addition of \$6,000 in revenue and expense within the Housing Fund to provide  
9 additional County support for the Housing Counselor program; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2020 revenue estimate for Cecil County  
11 to allocate \$6,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund to allow the following appropriation within  
12 the General Fund: The addition of \$6,000 in expenditure authority to be transferred to the Housing Fund;  
13 and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Housing Counselor position, which coordinates the County’s ability to provide  
15 budget counseling and loss mitigation services to citizens who need solutions to maintain homeownership,  
16 is funded by a State grant that was not funded at a level in FY2020 to cover the full cost of the program;  
17 and

18           **WHEREAS**, now more than ever the services provided by this program will be vital as the County  
19 works through the effects of COVID-19 on our community; and

20           **WHEREAS**, such appropriation is necessary to provide \$6,000 of fund balance from the Budget  
21 Stabilization Reserve Fund for expenditures.

22           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**  
23 **MARYLAND**, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal  
24 Year 2020 is hereby amended and a supplemental appropriation to the Current Budget in the amount of  
25 \$6,000 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority from the General Fund in order to  
26 provide additional funding necessary to support the Housing Counselor position/program in Cecil County.


27           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that this  
28 Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Housing Fund – Housing Counselor

INTRODUCED: June 9, 2020

ADOPTED: June 16, 2020

  
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President of the Council

ATTEST:  
  
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Council Manager



# CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

## FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

**SPONSOR:** Council President at the request of the County Executive

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2020 – Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Housing Fund – Housing Counselor**

**SYNOPSIS:** A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Housing Fund \$6,000 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority from the General Fund to provide additional funding necessary to support the Housing Counselor position/program in Cecil County.

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**FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:** The approval of this bill will have a net fiscal impact on the Cecil County of \$6,000, by expending the FY2020 the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund to provide additional budget for expenses associated with the Housing Counselor program.

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### FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Cecil County's Housing and Community Development's mission statement is as follows:

*To promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment, free from discrimination to eligible low and moderate-income persons and families in Cecil County.*

The agency not only provides affordable housing, they also help families stay in their homes with a grant program that provides funding for a Housing Counselor. The Housing Counselor coordinates the County's ability to provide budget counseling and loss mitigation services to citizens who need solutions to maintain homeownership. The FY2020 grant was not funded by the State at a level to cover the program equal to what they have funded in the past. The program requires the County to provide an additional \$6,000 to support the position and program supplies.

Post-pandemic, the services provided by this position will be an asset to our community as our citizens try to hold onto their homes in light of reduced income.